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REV. MR. TRIPLETT WANTED SOMETHING ON THE MILLERS.

And What Mrs. Miller's Brother, Police Lieut. Baker, Said About Her Must Have Pleased the Preacher-Bedford Park Church Squabble Aired in Court.

For several weeks to come the troubles now agitating the congregation of the Bedford Park Presbyterian Church are likely to occupy a good deal of the time of Magistrate Corrigan, before whom the hearing in the criminal libel case instituted by Mrs. Nellie E. Miller, a member of that church, against the Rev. J. Fdwin Triolett, its pastor, was begun vesterday, All the time yesterday was taken up with the examination of Victor J. Williams, another member of the Bedford Park Presbyterian Church, who is employed by the New York Telephone Company.

Mr. Williams, who is a mild looking citizen of 35 years or so and flaunts a luxuriant yellow mustache as meekly as the ostentatious character of that adornment will permit, was originally of Pastor Triplett's party, and indeed was one of the church members who did some sleuthing that preceded Mr. Iriplett's formal accusations against Mrs. Miller. But for some reason atill undisclosed he appears to have changed sides and is now arrayed with the Millers against the pastor.

It appears that the Millers, from the be ginning of Mr. Triplett's pastorate, which now about two years old, have been dissatisfied with the pastor. Apparently they went about saying so. Anyhow, Mr. Triplett says Mrs. Miller asked him for his resignation and that her husband called him a liar. After which began the gumshoeing on the part of the pastor and his friends which resulted in charges against Mrs. Miller's character. These charges were embodied in some resolutions that called for the resignation of the Millers which were adopted late last September by a meeting or church members which, according to Mr. Williams, included only the friends of Pastor Triplett.

Assistant District Attorney Train represented the prosecution vesterday at the hearing in the Magistrate's private room and George Gordon Battle appeared for Mr. Triplett. The pastor, a tall, slender, nd and youngish man, sat just behind Battle. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were presblond and youngest that Mrs. Miller were present, as well as several other members of the congregation, but with all the other witnesses they were excluded from the room. Coroner Acritelli, being in one of his genially observant moods, came in and occupied a chair near Magistrate Corrigor for part of the hearing.

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Mr. Williams testified that the troubles between the Millers and the pastor came to a head on September 25 when at a meeting of the church session he understood that the pastor made some charges which that the pistor made some charges which Mrs. Miller denied, whereupon the pastor said: "I'll take you back fitteen or twenty years and prove it." Soon after that, according to Mr. Triplett, Mr. Miller, who is an elder of the church, "made a vicious hingest me with the apparent intention. lunge at me with the apparent intention of using his fists to the best of his ability." Others interfered, however, and Miller was

Immediately after that, according to Mr. Williams's testimony, Pastor Triplett began a systematic campaign to oust the Millers from the church. There was a meeting of four or five of the pastor's friends at which the pastor said: "I've got a good

deal on them.

"Mr. Triplett said," declared the witness,
"that if some one would see Lieut. Charles
A. Baker of the Police Department, a brother
of Mrs. Miller, a great deal could be learned.
He said it wouldn't do for him to go himself

because it would look like revenge."

So a committee of the pastor's friends, including Brothers Williams, Senior, Wilson and Kidd, called on Lieut. Paker at the Mercer street police station.

"Mr. Triplett," added Brother Williams, Senior, the state of the state o

"said that we were to find out about the time they (the Millers) lived in the Red

Light district."

"How did Mr. Triplett tell you to proceed?" inquired Mr. Train.

"He told us," replied Brother Williams,
"that we were to walk into the station and say: Is this Sergeant Baker?"—or whatever his title was. If he said yes we would know that was the man. We should then ask him if he knew Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Miller. Then we should ask him if we could have a few minutes private conversation. Then we should ask him if A. E. Miller was a fit man to be an officer of the church."

The instructions of Pastor Triplett, so clearly given, were followed out to the let-

ter, the witness said.
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"Well, what did Baker say?" asked Mr. Train.

"He said, replied Brother Williams, "that the Millers were fit for hell. He said Miller was the kind of man who would refuse his old father 25 cents for a night's lodging and then boast about it. He said that the very night Miller's mother was buried Miller and his wife went to the opera."

Lieut. Baker, the witness averred, made other remarks that indicated anything but a cordial fraternal feeling. He declared that he loaned Miller money, and that when he had to sue him for it Mrs. Miller took the witness stand and testified that the money was given, not loaned.

"Why, he said that he and his sister had been put out of a hotel," added the witness "Why?"

"Because of her actions."

use of her actions." "Did he say what those actions were?"
"No, but he said he had beaten his sister more times than we had fingers and toes

for coming in at an early hour in the morn-The committee reported to Pastor Trip-lett, who said he wished they had found

out more.

"Did Mr. Triplett say that Miller allowed his wife to frequent the Tenderloin to get money to spend on extravagant dress, or that Miller had lived with her before his marriage to her knowing that she was then married to another man. or knew that his wife, frequented houses of ill repute?" asked the prosecuting lawyer. Brother Williams couldn't remember that the pastor had said any of those things.

The gumshoe committee also interviewed George M. Bierbauer, an employee of The Bronx Zoo, who had once boarded with the Millers.

Williams, "that he had seen things go on in the house that he didn't approve and once left the parlor because he didn't think things were right."

things were right."

It required considerable urging to extract from the witnessing brother any particulars regarding what Bierbauer had said, but at length he said that Bierbauer told of hearing "her" enter the room of a fellow boarder named Duer. The witness understood that "her" referred to Mrs. Miller. The witness said Bierbauer didn't say anything about how the man was dressed.

All these things were reported to the pastor who, the witness said, asked him to make a memorandum of them. This he did. whereupon the pastor sat down at his type-writer and wrote out a three page state-ment. Once he stopped in his writing and chuckled and said: "That'll stir up

things."

Brother Williams said he looked at the statement when the pastor had finished it and told him there were things there that neither Baker nor Bierbauer had told him. "Well," said the pastor, according to the witness, "they would have told you if you had asked them."

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The pastor added that the statement was just to wake up the church members. He instructed Williams to call a meeting of the laymen, informing only those members who were known to be favorable to him. At this meeting Brother Williams was to read the statement the pastor had written, keeping secret its authorship but just saying that "it had been given to him."

"Later on," said the testifying brother, "after I had been to the District Attorney's office the first time, Mr. Triplett put one hand on my shoulder and took me by the other hand and said: 'Now, old man, you'll never let anybody know I had a hand in these papers."

Brother Williams peddled the notices

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calling the meeting of laymen as he had been instructed. The notices just said "at the same time and place," so that "if they fell into the hands of the hostile faction it wouldn't do any harm." The meeting was held at the home of Brother Wilson, and there were about twenty church members present.

Pastor Triplett opened the proceedings with prayer and then, said Brother Wil-liams, quilined the course of events up to

date, adding:
"As I read you from St. Matthew the other night, if a man errs the first thing is to go and see the man himself."
The resolutions recited the pastor's charges against the Millers and announced that if they still declined to leave the church that if they still declined to leave the church the accusations would be presented to the session. A committee that included Brother

Williams tried to read these resolutions to Mr. Miller, but the latter said he was too tired just then and showed them the door. It was one afternoon somewhere about that time that Pastor Triplett said to Brother Williams, so the latter teatified: "I believe that if we shadowed Mrs. Miller we would Tenderloin. I often see her go out all togged up and come home again just before Mr. Miller gets home."

Mrs. Triplett came into the room with her baby in her arms. Brother Wiliams said, and made a similar statement.

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Several other brothers were present yesterday ready to testify, but they will not be heard until next Monday, until which time the hearing was adjourned.

NEW TANGLE IN LEWIS CASE. ssioners Dissent From Finding of

members of the commission appointed by Justice Abbott to inquire into the sanity of Miss Mary Flizabeth Lewis yesterday decided that she is insane and incompetent to manage her affairs. These were Charles J. McDermott, the chairman of the commission, and Dr. James Watt. Russel! Murray, the other member of the commission, concurred with the verdict of the jury, declaring Miss Lewis com-

A new legal tangle has developed in this case. Justice Abbott appointed a commission of three members, and Miss Lewis was tried before this commission and a Shert's jury. Originally there were fitteen on the jury, but by consent of counsel the case was continued with fourteen jurors. After the jury had brought in a verdict in favor of Miss I ewis her counsel maintained that the members of the commission had simply to sign the inquisition whether they agreed with the verdict or not.

On the other side it was argued that the ourpose of a commission of three was that the members of that commission might assent or dissent as they thought right Cases were cited where the commissioners had decided contrary to the jury and new trials had been ordered. The statute is not clear on this point and Mr. McDermott clear on this point and Mr. McDermott allowed counsel two days to prepare briefs and file them. He decided yesterday that the commission had to express its opinion. The case now will go to the Supreme Court and according to counsel for the petitioners a Justice of the Supreme Court may accept either the verdict of the jury or of the commission. They cite cases to main-tain their views. It will be taken to court early next month and in the mean incoming data

The legal point raised is new and may be important. For that reason Mr. McDer-mott yesterday wrote an opinion as fol-

it mandatory on the commissioners, or a majority of them, to sign the inquisition. In view of this the best authority we can find on the subject, however, as well as in an endeavor to interpret the law as meaning that the commissioners have been appointed for the purpose of aiding the court and not for the mere perfunctory purpose of joining in the inquisition, the commission holds that it has a right to express its agreement or disagreement with the verdict of the jury, and while signing the inquisition for the purpose of regularity the undersigned members of the commission dissent from the verdict and state in their opinion Mary Elizabeth Lewis is incompetent to manage herself and her affairs by reason of lunacy CHARLES J. MCDERMOTT.

JAMES WATT, M.D. The way the jury arrived at its verdict was told yesterday after the members had been discharged. When the first vote was taken it stood 8 to 5 in favor of the petitioners, one member not voting. For seventeen hours, although many votes were taken, no change was made. The five voting taken, no change was made. The five voting for Miss Lewis are war veterans. Lawyer Ringrose told what Miss Lewis had done for the soldiers during the war and that had an effect on them. The jury was locked up over night and up to 110 clock on Sunday morning had not agreed. Then one veteran with tears running down his cheeks, asked the others to give Miss Lewis a good Christmas present and one by one the jurors surrendered, until twelve altogether were in favor of her. The final vote laws 12 to 2 The final vote was 12 to 2

Dispute Over Schwanewedel Will.

Objections to the accounting by John O'Rourke and George J. Ross, executors of the will of Frederick Schwanewedel, were made before Surrogate Church in Brooklyn yesterday by attorneys for the wife of the testator. The executors last February placed nearly \$30,000 of the estate in the Eighth Ward branch of the Borough Bank. Counsel for the plaintiff allege that the executors are chargeable with the whole of the money now locked up and also with a rate of interest which easily could have been obtained by investing the money more judiciously. The Surrogate approved the accounting, however.

The Weather. The low area from the west Gulf district was central yesterday morning over Georgia and South Carolina and that from the Northwest moved eastward to the upper Lake regions. These disturbances engendered unsettled conditions from the Mississippi Valley eastward. Snow fell at most points north of the Ohio Valley and from the Mississippi River to the Atlantic coast and there was snow or fain in the Tennessee Valley The centre of high pressure was over idaho and Wyoming, forcing much colder weather from

and south to Mexico and the Guif.

The temperature was below zero in Wyoming and hovered about zero in northern Colorado and western Nebraska. Twenty two degrees below was reported for Lander, Wyo.

the Rocky Mountains east to the Mississippi Valley

In this city the day was cloudy, with occasional snow flurries; slight change in temperature; wind light to fresh, variable; average humidity, 74 per cent.; barometer, corrected to read to sea level. at 5 A. M., 30.14; 3 P. M., 30.04.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the

official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table

Highest temperature, 35°, at 11 A. M. WASHINGTON PORECAST FOR TO-DAT AND TO MORROW For eastern New York, the District of Columbia, eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey. Delaware and Maryland, parily cloudy to day; fair to morrow; light

to fresh westerly winds.

For New England, fair to-day and to-morrow light to fresh westerly winds.
For western New York and western Pennaylvania.

TO RELEASE TCHAYKOVSKY AND

MME. RRESHKOVSKY.

Fifty Well Known New Yorkers Signed It, Prominent Bostonians Are Helping. and 500 of the "Best Signatures in Chicago" Are Promised-A Quick Job. American friends of Nicholas Tchay-

kovsky and Catherine Breshkovsky, the two revolutionaries who were imprisoned in Petropavlosk fortress early last week, are making the most determined efforts to obtain their release. The Russian Petition Committee, with offices at 23 West Forty-fourth street, was organized last Saturday, and inside of two days a petition signed by fifty prominent New Yorkers was presented to Baron Rosen, the Russian Ambassador at Washington.

After allowing time for the Baron to communicate with his Government the petition was made public yesterday. It asks for the release of the two revolutionaries on the ground that it "would be interpreted as an act of friendship by a host of American citizens who are warm friends and well wishers for the welfare of Russia."

Some of the signers are: Bishop Greer,

Seth Low, Richard Watson Gilder, Dr. Lyman Abbott, Francis Lynde Stetson, Morgan J. O'Brien, John D. Crimmins, Henry Clews, R. Fulton Cutting, William Dean Howells, Samuel L. Clemens, George Foster Peabody, Robert W. De Forest, William Jay Schieffelin, Elgin R. L. Gould, Jacob A. Riis, Hamilton Holt, Hamilton W. Mabie, Herman Ridder, Oswald C. Villard, the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, the Rev. Dr. Percy S. Grant, the Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Slicer, Horace White,

Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Slicer, Horace White, Norman Hapgood, the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, Edward M. Shepard, Prof. George W. Kirchway, George McAneny, Everett P. Wheeler, William Lloyd Garrison and President John H. Finley of the College of the City of New York.

Robert Erskine Ely, chairman of the publicity committee, denied emphatically that the agitation for the release of Tchaikovsky and Mme. Breshkovsky was inspired by the revolutionaries.

"We are in this," he declared, "simply out of ordinary human sympathy. As near as we can make out, they have been imprisoned on the most indefinite of charges.

Tchaikovsky on some old accusations that had been hanging over him since the early Terroist times in the '70s, but which had been wiped out by the Czar's amnesty proclamation of October, 190s, while Mme. Breshkovsky is imprisoned we don't know what for. Both prisoners belong to the Pursian positive and last winter when Russian notality, and last winter when they were over here with Aladyin to raise funds for the revolution they made a lot

announced in the papers early last week a number of Americans interested in them out of friendship for themselves personally and not at all for the cause, after verifying and not at all for the cause, after verifying the report, got together and took this action for their release. At a luncheon attended by the Hon. Samuel J. Barrows, the Right Rev. David H. Greer, Pr. Lyman Abbott and others this petition was proposed and drawn up. Inside of twenty-four hours we had it signed by nearly fifty of the foremost men of the city and inside another twenty-four we had it in the hands of Baron Rosen.

for there was not a minute to waste. Bishop

"The committee which presented the petition was made up of the Hon. Samuel J. Barrows, William B. Howland, James B. Reynolds and Elbert J. Baldwin. Only on member, James B. Reynolds, is connected with the Friends of Russian Freedom." "This petition is spreading like wildfire. Judge Julian W. Mack of the Cook County Circuit Court. Illinois, is raising 500 of the best signatures in Chicago and already we have heard from Boston. The Right Rev William Lawrence, the Bishop of Massahave heard from Boston. The Right Rev William Lawrence, the Bishop of Massa-chusetts; Thomas Wentworth Higginson. Richard C. Cabot, M. D., Edward H. Clem-

"We are going to send the petition and its story to the European papers as well. We shan't ask the executive officers at Washington to sign, but most certainly we intend to circulate the petition among the members of Congress. They'll sign, too. Last winter Herbert Parsons gave

too. Last winter Herbert Parsons gave a luncheon in honor of Tchaikovsky at which forty Congressmen were present, and the attention they paid shows that they were in sympathy with him.

"In many respects this agitation has never had a precedent on this side of the Atlantic. The petition was drawn up, signed by a greater number of distinguished men and placed in the hands of its recipient quicker than I have ever heard of such men and placed in the hands of its recipient quicker than I have ever heard of such matters being performed before. And a greater number of busy, leading Americans have come forward to help than I ever knew to interest themselves in such a matter before. The activity they are displaying on behalf of a couple of revolutionaries, arbitrarily imprisoned in a mouldy fortress 4,000 miles away, is certainly a very pertinent commentary on the American pertinent commentary on the American insistence on the square deal."

WHERE IS ROBERT BERRY?

His Folks Haven't Heard From Him Recently and Would Like To. George Berry, a retired pilot, of 309 President street, Brooklyn, hasn't heard definitely in some weeks from his son, Robert W. Berry, 22 years old, who left home last May to go to Denver, Col. It is true that vesterday the Berry family heard a rumor that he had been murdered,

but they haven't been able to verify the rumor.

Berry was last heard from at Pike's View, Col. Then he wrote that he was suffering from his teeth and his jaw and was going to a hospital in Denver for treatment. After six weeks elapsed and nothing was heard from him his mother wrote to the hospital authorities, but they had not seen him. had not seen him

Mr. Berry, however, is not inclined to be worried. Mrs. Berry believes her son is dead, but there is no authentic fact to base dead, but there is no authentic fact to hase such a belief upon.

The young man has a brother, James Berry, who is engaged in the shipping business in Manhattan; a married sister, Mrs. S. P. Egan, and a single sister, Eleanor,

who lives at the President street house. James Berry telegraphed to Chief of Police Delaney of Denver yesterday afternoon and is awaiting a reply. Mrs. Eddy Selects a New Pub lisher. CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 18.-Allison V. Stewart of Brookline, Mass., has been elected publisher of Christian Science literature to succeed the late Joseph Armstrong. Mr. Stewart was formerly a business m

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NO PARDON FOR HUMMEL.

Gov. Hughes Declines to Interfere Unles Hummet's Case is Repeters.

ALBANY, Dec. 18.-Gov. Hughes will not interfere with Abe Hummel serving his full sentence if facts in his case remain the same. As Hurnmel was sentenced for a year, with the usual commutation for good behavior, he would be out next March. Under these circumstances Gov. Hughes does not believe he should interfere.

The Governor has received many requests to pardon Hummel, and the Governor sent his own physician to examine While it is true that Hummel is in very poor health his condition is such that he may die any day or he may live for years. With this view of the case the Governor had decided not to interfere, although he will keep a close watch of the case and if

a pardon is necessary to prevent Hummel

dving in prison he will probably grant it.

Gov. Hughes, who has received perhaps a dozen requests to pardon Hummel, sent Dr. Ransom of Albany to examine him and report on his condition. The physician arrived in this city on Tuesday afternoon shortly before 5 o'clock, and finding Commissioner Coggey's office open, showed his credentials to Secretary Gibbons, who went with him to Mr. Coggey's house. At half past 6 the Commissioner, his went with him to Mr. Coggey's house. At half past 6 the Commissioner, his secretary and Dr. Ransom started for the island. Dr. Sigmund Tynberg, one of the visiting physicians to the island, met the party, which was later joined by Dr. Philip B. Matz. the resident physician. At half past 8 Dr. Ransom left the penitentiary and hurrised to catch a train for Albany, hoping to have his report in the Governor's hands yesterday morning.

Dr. Ransom did not make any comment on Mr. Hummel's condition. The local doctors say that the patient's heart is seriously involved through Bright's disease

seriously involved through Bright's disease supplemented by chronic nephritis and

Dr. Ransom is prison physician at Danne

mora.

Dr. Philip B. Matz, resident physician at the Blackwells Island penitentiary, said last night that the condition of Hummel was so serious that oxygen had to be administered. Dr. Matz said that Dr. Sigmund Tynberg, visiting physician to the penitentiary, remained with Hummel for several hours in the afternoon because of several hours in the afternoon because

YOUTSEY'S STORIES DENIED. Ex-Senator Deboe and Others Give Evi-

dence Favorable to Powers. GEORGETOWN, Ky., Dec. 18.-Caleb Pow ers finished his testimony in his own behalf in his fourth trial for the murder of Goebel to-day. He had been on the witness stand

since Monday. After he left the stand his attorneys began taking the testimony of persons who were in the State House at the time Goebel was shot to show the actions and conversations of Henry E. Youtsey, who testified against Powers, just before and after the shooting.

The first witness was former United States Senator W. J. Deboe, with whom Youtsey says he discussed the murder of Senator Deboe said he did not remember seeing Youtsey and did not go o Gov. Taylor's office on that day. Youtsey said he had plotted with Dr

Johnson to shoot Goebel and that overtaking Senator Deboe he told him of the plans and that Senator Deboe had said not to kill Goebel, that Emmett Orr and other Greer worked for three hours on Sunday, his busiest day, getting signatures. 1.yman Abbott was neck over crop in work, but he let everything go for the sake of serving his Russian friends. Part of the signatures Youtsey said that later the same day he discussed the plans to murder Goebel with

Gov. Taylor when Senator Deboe was in the office. Postmaster G. L. Barnes of Frankfort contradicted the statements of Youtsey about discussing the murder and about S. S. Shepard, who was Youtsey acting queerly. Ben Rowe, the janitor, who took the gun away after Youtsey had left it, was a good witness for the de

HOLIDAY RUSH FROM SCHOOLS.

Trainload-Special Train From St. Paul. The homeward holiday rush of the college boys and "prep" school youth is now in such full swing that the Grand Central Station looks most of the time as if the travelling population was largely composed of very young people.

A special trainload of the pupils of St. Paul's School at Concord, N. H., arrived at Forty-second street about 2:30 yesterday afternoon. The train was composed of seven parlor cars, a diner and a baggage car and left Concord'a little before daylight. It carried about 250 boys in charge of two of the school's submasters.

A majority of the boys live in New York or its suburbs, but many were bound further west and were intending to stop over here a day or so. Nearly all of them appeared at the St. Nicholas rink last evening peared at the St. Nicholas rink last evening to see the annual hockey match between St. Paul's and Pomfret. They said their team was in fine trim, as there had been skating in New England for several weeks. The boys were in high spirits as they tumbled off their special and before they dispersed they made the arches of the huge train shed ring with the nine "rahs" of the St. Paul's cheer.

St. Paul's cheer;
The New York Central has made special arrangements to handle the heavy travel of the holidays. Already sixty-two special cars have been sent west loaded down with young folks. One of these cars is going to New Mexico and another to Texas. The to New Mexico and another to Texas. The Lake Shore Limited was run yesterday in two sections, the second section being reserved for Vassar undergraduates who got aboard at Poughkeepsie. Similar arrangements have been made on the Boston and Albany to see that the Vassar and Weilesley girls get home comfortably, while Harvard, Williams and Amberst men are not neglected in the extra schedule. Up along the Hudson the big girls' schools are also con-Hudson the big girls' schools are also conributing many passengers who set out homeward from Dobbs Ferry, Scarborough Ossining and other towns between here and

Xmas Sale for the Aged and Infirm. A Christmas sale of articles made by the inmates of the city homes for the aged

and infirm will take place to-day at the Parcello-Bixby studios in Carnegie Hall. The sale will be open from 10 A. M. to 9 P. M. The instruction of these inmates in the making of useful articles has been undertaken by a special committee of the New York city visiting committee of the State Charities Aid Association, of which Homer Folks is president. The committee buys the materials besides furnishing the instruction, and the entire proceeds of the sale will go to the workers for Christmas. The articles that have been made include baskets, mats, bead work, shawls, aprons, rugs and other useful things.

Santa Claus's Big Mailbag. Postmaster Morgan said vesterday that

the Post Office had received up to date more than 1,000 Santa Claus letters. Mrs. Clarence Burns, who has charge of the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs committee formed for the purpose of answering some if not all of those letters, was to have called on Mr. Morgan yesterday to make arrangements for their removal, but she did not. Later she sent word she would get them to-day. By that time there are likely to be 2,000.

something for L. I. (Ity Newsboys.

Mrs. W. Butler Duncan of Port Washington, L. I., has planned to give the newsboys of Long Island City a night at the Hippodrome on Christmas Eve. In addition to the show every boy will get a present of some kind.

Friday.

Mrs. Jennie S. Thompson of Hornell, formerly Miss Stephenson of Dunkirk, died suddenly vesterday at the Pennsylvania station in Dunkirk, of heart disease. She was 61 years, old and had been twice widowed. Her first husband was Henry Trask and her second Merritt Thompson, both of Hornell and both well known engineers on the Eric William Luscombe Searelle, co-author with Ella Wilcox of the play "Mizpah," died yesterday in London.

THESE ROPE LADDER THIEVES?

TWO MEN AND TWO GIRLS IN A FLAT FULL OF PELF.

Two Acquaintances of Theirs Also Arrested-Police Think They Have Silck Hotel and Flat Robbers and Possibly Long Island's "Red Auto" Combination.

Detectives Boyle and Fogarty of Police Héadquarters made six arrests yesterday which they think will put a stop to the series of rope ladder burglaries that have occurred in the last few weeks and may also clear up the second series of mysterious automobile burglaries on Long Island. Four of the prisoners. David Gilman and George Carr and two girls they call their wives, were arrested in their flat on the ground floor of 406 West Forty-eighth street early in the morning. The other two, John Ward, alias Allen, and Charles Peterson, alias Moore, were arrested in the afternoon at Broadway and Forty-

the afternoon at Broadway and Fortyseventh street.

The detectives spent all night watching
the ground floor flat at 408 West Fortyeighth street. They waited until both
Carr and Gilman had returned home and
at 9 o'clock forced the door. The men
were in bed, and the girls, in their
night clothes, were preparing breakfast.
The detectives grabbed both men and
handcuffed them and then manacled the
girls, who fought. Although the three
rooms were shabby they were strewn with
valuable articles of all sorts. On the mantel
stood five clocks, and in the toe of a stocking
hanging from it were four gold watches.

hanging from it were four gold watches, one having the initials "A. B."
The search disclosed a case of rare gold coins, a diamond locket containing the coins, a diamond locker containing the miniatures of two young girls, a ruby brooch set with ten diamonds, a diamond horseshoe pin, a dozen bracelets, a gold box full of rings, valuable furs, handbags and two closets full of women's garments. The detectives figured that the stuff was worth \$15,000. The detectives also found worth \$15,000. The defectives also found two big revolvers and two smaller ones, such as women might carry; three dark lanterns, a kit of burglar tools and a policeman's club. I'nder a mattress Boyle found a fifty foot coil of rope, showing

signs of wear.

When the four prisoners got to Head-quarters the detectives found that Gilman's quarters the detectives found that Girman's photograph was already in the rogues' gallery, under the aliases of Hoffman and Goodman. He has never been convicted, but the detectives believe he was leader of the gang. The three others were not known. They were arraigned in the Tombs court and remanded to Headquarters. Late in the afternoon the detectives took to Headquarters a big trunk piled with clothing and furs, a suit case full of jewelry and three satchels containing the other valuables. Soon afterward Mrs. Emily Levine of 724 East 153th street called and identified several gold pins and a handbag as hers. Clement A. Krauscht of 38 West Eighty-third street identified a gold match safe, stolen on December 6. The detec-Eighty-third street identified a gold match safe, stolen on December 6. The detec-tives believe Gilman and Carr were con-cerned in the recent Hotel Endicott and Hotel Woodward robberies, in which rope ladders were used, and will have persons from those hotels examine the loot and look at the prisoners.

The arrest of Peterson and Ward came about when the detectives heard they were ward and Peterson both said they were chauffeurs. Peterson wore a chauffeur's coat. The detectives say that Ward has long been suspected of being a rope ladder thief. They believe these two men know comething about the red automobile seen something about the red automobile seen in various parts of Long Island at about the time burglaries were committed.

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Dr. Charles H. Bailey died at his home, 189 Liberty street, Bloomfield, N. J., yesterday of a paralytic stroke. For thirty-seven years he practised in the town and for many years he practised in the town and for many years he practised in the town and for many years he practised in the town and for many years he practised in the town and for the lospital staff, retiring two years ago because of ill health. Dr. Bailey aws born in Catskill, N. Y., on September 30, 1844, a son of the late Alexander Hamilton Bailey, a lawyer. When Roscoe Conkling, who represented the United district in Congress, was elected to the United States Senate the elder Bailey succeeded him and represented the district for four years. At the age of 18 Dr. Bailey enlisted in the 112th New York Volunteers, and at the close of the civil war received a commission as First Lieutenant for gallantry in action. Soon after being graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York he moved to Bloomfield, where he became assistant to the late Dr. Joseph A. Davis. When the Mountainside Hospital was organized twenty years ago Dr. Bailey became a member of its medical and surgical staff, and until recently was consulting physician. He was a member of the New Jersey State Medical Society, Orange Mountain Medical Society, American Medical Association, Bloomfield Lodge No. 40, F. and A. M., and its past master, and of the old First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Bailey at one time served as president of the Board of Health. In 1877 he married Miss Harriet M. Adams, daughter of the late Jay L. Adams of Bloomfield, who with an only daughter. Mrs. Bessie Rae, wife of Dr. Charles Rae of York, Pa., survive him.

A. Gustave Ringling, one of the famous circus men and general agent for the Sells-Forepaugh show last summer, died yesterday in New Orleans of Bright's disease, in his fifty-first year. He was not associated with his five brothers in the ownership of their several shows, including the Barmin & Bailey, which they bought last October. Th

daughters, the eldest of whom is married.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday for Dr. Frank Farquhar Ferguson of 20 West Thirty-eighth street, who died on Saturday at Atlantic City, where he had been ill for the last two months. Poor health had compelled his retirement from active practice more than a year ago. Dr. Ferguson, who was one of the best known diagnosticians in the country, had for some years past devoted himself exclusively to this branch of his profession. He was born sixty years ago in Scotland and came to this country after reaching manhood. He was taken to New York Hospital. After his recovery he found employment there as an orderly, he made such a good impression on the hospital officials that it was made possible for him to study medicine. He attended the lectures of the Long Island College Hospital, from which he was graduated in 1880. Dr. Ferguson, who leaves four children married Juliana Armour, a daughter of William Armour of Chicago.

Dr. Ehrick Parmly, son of Dr. Eleazar

william Armour of Chicago.

Dr. Ehrick Parmly, son of Dr. Eleazar Parmly, a famous old time dentist and himself a former New York dentist, died yesterday afternoon at the residence of his son, the Rev. John E. Parmly, paster of the Atlantic Highlands Presbyterian Church in Oceanic, N. J. He was 78 years old. He was stricken with paralysis on Monday while visiting a sister in this city. His son came to New York to take him home yesterday. As the train arrived at Atlantic Highlands Dr. Parmly became unconscious and remained so until the end. Two other sons, Eleazar and Dalton Parmly, both of Oceanic, N. J., and a sister, Mrs. Frederick Billings of 279 Madison avenue, survive him.

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W. H. (Buck) Hinrichsen, the historian of the Democracy of Illinois and one of the ablest counsellors of the party, died at his home in Alexandria, Ill., yesterday, of paralysis. It was as Secretary of State under Gov. Altgeld that Mr. Hinrichsen became best known. When nominated he was editor of the Quincy Herald and had made a reputation as a writer. He served under Gov. Altgeld for two years, being then elected to Congress from the Sixteenth district and becoming secretary of the Democratic State committee.

committee.

Mrs. Caroline Corby Van Gieson, aged 86 years, widow of Rynheer Van Gieson, died yesterday in the home of her son, f. Wesley Van Gieson, 86 Midland avenue. Montclair, N. J. Mrs. Van Gieson was the mother of George A. Van Gieson, who served two terms as postmaster of Montclair, and of Ransford E. Van Gieson, a lawyer, both dead. The funeral will be at Orange on Friday.

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SMALL PROFIT FROM GETZKY. He Was Robbed of \$4.10 and Trailed the Attackers to Earth. Michael Getzky, a baker at 180 Harrison

venue, Williamsburg, was attacked early

vesterday by three young men who en-

ered his shop and choked and robbed him. All they got was \$4.10. him. All they got was \$4.19.

The three ran out of the place and Getzky followed them for nearly a mile. He saw them enter a house at Varet street near Graham avenue. He got Policeman McGilynn, who reached the place just as a man identified as one of the three came out. He was arrested. He said he was Harry Ketcher, 18 years old, of 117 Humboldt street, 18 years old, of 117 Humboldt street, 1 he Manhattan avenue police court Magistrate Dooley remanded him peuding a hearing.

Half an hour before Getzky was robbed he put \$400 in his safe.

Woman Found Dead in Hallway. Martin May of 682 Union street, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon found in the hallway

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of the floor his apartment is on the dead body of a woman. An ambulance surgeon said death was due to heart disease. The body was taken to the morgue. The woman body was taken to the morgue. The was not known in the neighborhood, was about 55 years old, 5 feet tall, dark complexion and brown hair. At her side when found was a bundle containing